

2008 Child Welfare Data Snapshot

Children & Family Services Division, North Dakota Department of Human Services

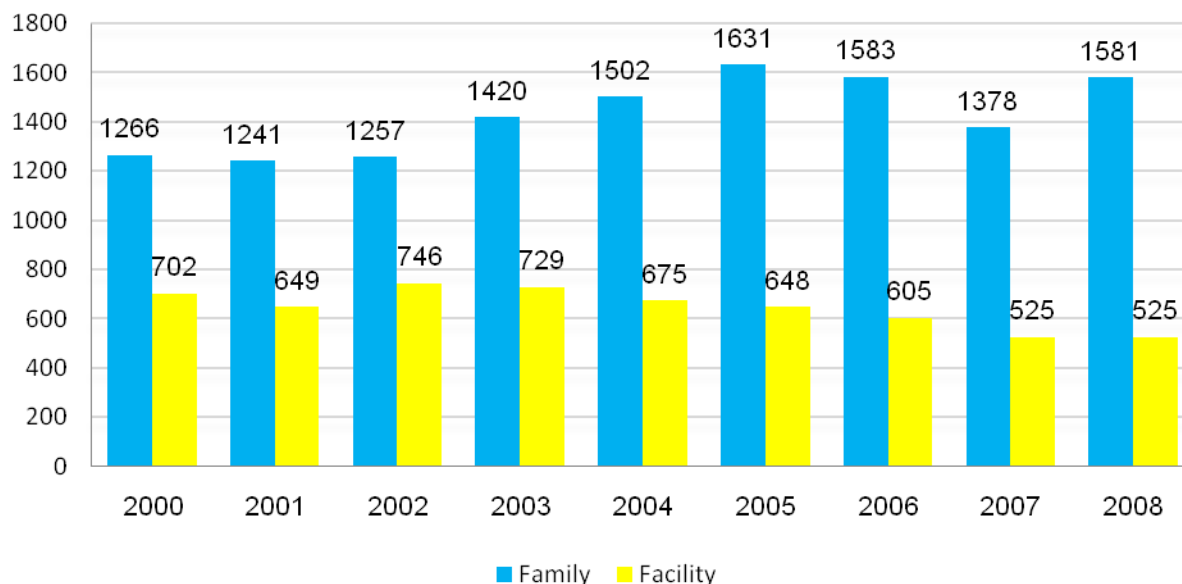
Children in Foster Care by Placement Type, FFY 2000-2008

Placement Type	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	% Change 2000-2008
Pre-Adoptive Home	154	166	157	160	207	228	252	260	289	+87.6%
Relative Placement	237	240	276	328	383	507	569	400	303	+27.8%
Family Foster Care	875	835	824	932	912	896	762	718	689	-21.3%
Trial Home Visit								218	300	
Group Home	125	109	127	125	120	96	95	85	72	-42.4%
Facility (RTC & RCCF)	577	540	619	604	555	552	510	440	453	-21.5%
Missing Data	10	39	18	34	28	35	21	31	28	
Total	1978	1929	2021	2183	2205	2314	2209	2152	2134	+7.9%
Children Aging out of Foster Care	43	45	56	66	60	65	56	64	88	

AFCARS, FFY 2000-2008 (Unduplicated count).

Family Type Placements Facility Placements

Trends in Family Foster Care and Facility Placements, FFY 2000-2008



AFCARS, FFY 2000-2008 (Unduplicated count). Family foster care includes pre-adoptive homes, relative placements, family foster homes, Professional Association of Treatment Homes placements, trial home visits, and tribal and affidavit foster home placements. Definitions of foster home types can be located at the following link:

<http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/childfamily/fostercare/purposes.html>

Foster Care:

- The average age of foster care children in care was 11 years old in FFY 2008.
- 52% (1,105) of children in care had a permanency goal of reunification in FFY 2008.
- On December 14, 2008, 1,109 children were in foster care (includes tribal IV-E cases, DOCR-Division of Juvenile Services youth placed in foster care, and pre-adoptive placements). Native American children accounted for 29% (321) of this point in time foster care count.
- In February 2009, 37 foster youth were in out-of state placements (Residential Child Care Facilities-RCCF and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities-PRTF).
- In January 2009, there were 574 licensed family foster homes and 385 licensed therapeutic family foster homes.

Child Abuse and Neglect (FFY 2008):

- 8,393 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect were received.
- 4,012 full assessments were completed.
- To illustrate the trend in the number of full assessments: Compared to 2000 when 4,145 full assessments were completed, a decrease of 3% was seen in 2008 (4,012).
- A decision of "Services Required" was made in 684 (17%) of the 4,012 full assessments. These 684 assessments represent 1,295 children who were victims of child abuse and neglect and 968 caregivers who were the subjects of these assessments.

Adoptions (FFY 2008):

- There were 169 finalized adoptions (special needs, infant/regular, and international).
- 110 (65%) of the 169 finalized adoptions were special needs adoptions.
- 92 (84%) of the 110 special needs adoptions involved family foster parents.
- 23% (25) of adopted children with special needs were Native American.
- 55% (60) of adopted children with special needs were ages 1-6.

Permanency Outcomes (Point in Time data):

- 37 subsidized guardianships were in place (with 5 pending court orders) in November 2008.
- 128 children with parental rights terminated were in the custody of the Department of Human Services as of May 1, 2008.